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EXAMINER:

FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE USING MAGNETO RESISTIVE ELEMENT AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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